

## Message Text

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ACTION COME-00

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 EB-08 /019 W  
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P 112015Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2795

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, TD  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: METHANOL

REF: STATE 200335; STATE 187810

1. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY REPLYING TO REFTELS. MOST OF OUR CONTACTS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON METHANOL PROJECT ARE EITHER OUT OF COUNTRY OR ON LEAVE (AUGUST BEING MAJOR HOLIDAY PERIOD HERE), AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM PRESENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT BORDEN, WHICH HAD "PREFERRED PARTNER" STATUS, HAS DROPPED OUT OF PROJECT, BUT DO NOT KNOW REASON OR HOW GOTT WILL NOW PROCEED.

2. IN ANY EVENT, IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF INVOLVING OURSELVES IN COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO U.S. FIRMS, WE SUGGEST MEPD MAY WANT TO CONTACT BORDEN DIRECTLY TO CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE INDEED OUT OF THIS PROJECT, AND IF SO, WHETHER THEY WOULD OBJECT TO USDOC'S MAKING THIS KNOWN TO OTHER INTERESTED FIRMS.

3. SHOULD MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION BE DEVELOPED HERE, WE WILL REPORT PROMPTLY. O'MAHONY

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## Message Attributes

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